

## MASONS HOLD PUBLIC INSTALLATION

The Masons and members of the Eastern Star have been having many interesting meetings during the past few days.

Monday at 2 p. m., the degrees of the Blue Lodge were exemplified before a large number of members and visiting Masons from Santa Rosa, Roy and Vaughn.

By courtesy of A. Hurley, the New Theatre gave a matinee free to all Masons and their friends. The picture "Ivory Snuff Box" was put on and highly appreciated by all.

At seven o'clock the banquet was served by members of the Eastern Star which consisted of turkey, etc. which was one of the most pleasing numbers on the program. The banquet was served in the Opera House. After all had partaken of the bountiful repast they repaired to the lodge rooms where an extensive program was rendered by the city's best talent, being as follows:

Trio:—"Memory"

Solo, with Violin Obligato,  
Miss Dillon Brown

Reading:—By Juanita Shaff

Duet—Misses Brown and Edwards

Violin Solo: (a)—Rosary  
(b)—Humoresque  
Rev. E. J. Hoering

Solo:—"When the Heart"  
Mrs. D. J. Finegan

After the program a public installation was conducted and the new officers of the Royal Arch Chapter were put in charge of the destinies of that faithful old order for another year, by A. R. Carter, District Deputy Grand High Priest.

Then the musical program was concluded with the two numbers.

Solo:—By Miss Edith Edwards

Duet:—"Excelsior,"  
Messrs. Burnet and Hoering

After which the officers of Tucumcari Lodge A. F. & A. M., No. 27, were installed by the Past Master, Eugene Gordon.

## SERIOUS ACCIDENT

While Guy Bridges was driving to the Bell Ranch Monday with the mail the pin came out of the coupling pole and allowed the hack to pull in two. The team became frightened and ran away and Mr. Bridges and Jack Lawrence, who was a passenger were thrown out and for a time were rendered unconscious. One of the horses was injured beyond recovery and was shot to put it out of its suffering.

The two men were wrapped up in heavy coats and were snugly tucked away in the hack which had a nice top and the accident happened without any warning. The front wheels were pulled out from under the front end of the hack allowing it to pitch forward throwing both men out heavily to the ground and bruising them severely. They succeeded however, in walking back to the first telephone station and called for help. Mr. Lawrence was taken to the Bell Ranch and Mr. Bridges was brought to Tucumcari. The accident happened 12 miles this side of Bell Ranch.

## WORKING THE MACHINERY

The boss politicians of New Mexico are starting their machinery to work to pick out candidates suitable to themselves. This is quite a large state to let one or two men dictate who we shall elect. The common men should awake to their duty and see that good men are elected to office, and offices which are now filled with excuses should be supplied with good men. There are as many good men in New Mexico as there are in other states according to the population.—Carrizozo Outlook.



DANGEROUS DAN McGREW  
at The New Theatre, Friday, Dec. 31

## NEW MEXICO MAY BACK ROOSEVELT

Reported Bursum Crowd to Swing State Delegation for Teddy

Santa Fe, N. M., Dec. 27.—It is given out here that New Mexico's delegation to the Republican convention at Chicago will be for Theodore Roosevelt. This coup is to be put over by Hon. Holm O. Bursum, it is said, who in the 1912 convention, stood out for Roosevelt and would have delivered the delegation but for the persuasive powers of the late national committeeman Solomon Luna. While Bursum did not go over to the Progressives, he has always openly maintained that it was a mistake for the Republican party to follow eastern leadership of Barnes, Penrose and other reactionaries.

It is pointed out by him that the rank and file of the Republican party as well as the county bosses are for any candidate who will win. Col. Roosevelt, has in every county, some faithful adherents, who are personally devoted to him and who cheer his most ultra Progressive ideas, although assurance is given, that the Theodore Roosevelt of 1916 is much more sane and conservative than was apparent from his platform of 1912.

## TRAIN MAY CHANGE TIME

It is rumored that a new time card will go into effect about the 16th of January. It was thought at first that the change would be made on the first, but later reports make it out or about the 16th. None of the present trains will be taken off, it is stated, but the times of all trains except that of 3 and 4 will be changed.

Another rumor that the railroad men would receive their pay twice each month after the first of the year is given no credence, but may become a reality later in the year if the men have their say about the matter.

The railroads running into Tucumcari have never been busier and since the mines and business in Old Mexico are expected to reopen soon, it is supposed the Rock Island and E. P. & S. W. will increase its force of men, especially freight crews.

## HOUSE AND CONTENTS BURN

A residence belonging to M. M. Shipley and occupied by Mrs. A. E. Olfetter, near the court house, was nearly totally destroyed by fire last Friday morning.

Mrs. Olfetter thinks her coal-oil stove must have exploded and set the house on fire. She got up about three and started the fire in the stove and went back to bed to wait for the room to warm up, but evidently went to sleep and when she awoke the room was all on fire. She managed to make her escape to one of the neighbors who gave the alarm. The fire-boys responded promptly but the building was burned beyond repair.

We understand the house and contents were partially insured, so it will not be a total loss to the owners.

## WILL START SOMETHING

The Muirhead's Variety Store has "something up its sleeve" for its customers. We noticed a handsome Columbia Grafonola on display there recently and when we faced the manager with a big "why?" he said, "We are going to give that to someone." In addition to that he showed us 25 sets of handsome silverware also to be given away one set each week.

When asked "how?" He told us to wait a few days and the whole proposition would be explained. We know this firm well enough to say that they don't do things by halves, and they are going to "start something," and finish it, that will make a big stir in Tucumcari and vicinity. Watch for the announcement.

## SPECIAL SERVICES AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH

There will be special services at the Baptist church Sunday, Jan. 2, 1916. The laymen of the church will have charge of the service at the morning hour. There will be communion service at the close of the eleven o'clock service and baptizing at the close of the evening service. Everybody is invited to these services and every Baptist is urged to be there. Let us begin the New Year right by attending services this day. SAM D. TAYLOR, Pastor.

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

There will be all of the regular services in the Presbyterian Church next Sunday.

At both the morning and evening services there will be celebrated the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. All of the members of the Church are especially urged to be present.

Sunday school 10 a. m.  
Preaching at 11 a. m.  
Christian Endeavor Society 6:30.  
Evening service 7:30  
You are cordially invited to begin the New Year right, and form the habit of attending church.

## MANY NICE CALENDARS

The American National Bank distributed several hundred nice calendars to their customers and friends. We recognize the receipt of one.

## THE NEWS EXTENDS BEST WISHES TO ALL

### MISSION ENTERTAINED

The members of St. Michael's Mission were beautifully entertained by the children of the Sunday school in a Christmas play, "The Key of Love," in four scenes, appropriately staged.

The first scene represented the hills of Judea, with the Star of Bethlehem appearing through the clouds, and described in the song, "The Star of Bethlehem," beautifully rendered by Miss Edith Edwards. The second scene portrayed the Shepherds asleep, while the Angels appeared in the clouds with God's first Christmas message of Peace and Good Will to Men.

The next scene revealed a poor widow and her starving children listening outside the Church while the choir sings the Christmas carols. Then the vested choir of little tots and bigger children comes out of the Church and discovers the poor widow and her little shivering, hungry children. The little waifs think the choir must be the angels, and the minister Santa Claus, which they indeed proved to be, for as soon as the wretched little family tell their troubles the choir boys and girls fall over one another in their efforts to provide food, coal, clothing, toys, and the golden key to the Cottage of Love and Warmth which the Church provides for the destitute little family.

The singing of "Home, Sweet Home," leads to the fourth scene, being a tableau representing a jolly Christmas party presided over by the afore-time destitute widow, who in her turn is entertaining homeless children. While all are under Santa Claus's magic spell of Christmas kindness and love, old Santa himself sticks his head out of the chimney, and confesses that he is so full of happiness that he is all swelled up, and stuck in the chimney. All rush to the chimney and pull old Santa down by the legs, and then the riot begins, old Santa's pack being loaded with gifts for all the members of the Sunday school, and bags of candy for all present.

The beautiful Christmas Tree and the festoons of laurel and holly hung with red bells, made the little church look like a veritable Children's Christmas Paradise.

All went home with the Christmas spirit in their hearts, and praise for the children and the untiring efforts of the older one.

The little play, written and produced by the Sunday school, most ably assisted by Mrs. Chapman as chief musician, could not fail to please the most fastidious and to bring admiration for the Sunday school.

E. M. C.

The Choral Society will meet to night at 8 o'clock.  
A. D. Catterson, Secretary

### CLOVIS PROHIBITION ELECTION

Clovis N. M., Dec. 27.—Clovis will pass through the throes of a prohibition election on January 31. The council has set that time for the election and both sides are working hard to get out a majority of votes on that date.

Both sides are organizing and the fight for control is expected to be the most bitter in the history of New Mexico. Clovis is now "wet" and the prohibitionists claim a majority on the preliminary canvass.

### TUCUMCARI GIRL GOES TO WASHINGTON, D. C.

Miss Florence Surguy, who worked for years in the Tucumcari newspaper offices, was recently appointed to a job in the government printing office at Washington, and left the first of the week to take up her work. She will no doubt make good because she can feed presses equally as well as a man and understands the other work. We wish her success.

### SNOW AT NORTON

A light snow fell Monday which was followed by a cold spell.

Jim Bowerman drilled a well for Morgan Smith last week.

DeRoy Welsh is building an addition to his house. Shorty Alwarth is doing the work.

Marion Wells called at the Ayler home Thursday.

Orville Gilbert came home last week from Santa Rosa where he has been teaching school.

Mr. Davenport and Mrs. Marshall and little daughter and Wade Davenport and wife came in last week from Texas for a visit with relatives at Norton and Puerto. They made the trip in Mr. Davenport's auto.

Mr. Story while hauling a load of wood Monday, slipped and fell down in front of the wagon and the wheel ran over his leg breaking it just below the knee. He was taken to Tucumcari and placed under the care of physicians.

Whallie Walther is still very low with the typhoid fever.

Mrs. McCrary is real sick from a swollen jaw.

Dr. Lancaster made a trip to J. C. McCrary's Thursday.

The broncho riding at Norton on Christmas day by "Bugger Red" was witnessed by quite a crowd. All enjoyed the events of the day.

We wish all a Happy New Year.

### REVIVAL SERVICES FOR CENTER ST. METHODIST CHURCH

On January 23, 1916, the pastor, Rev. Geo. H. McAnally will begin a series of revival services at the Center Street Methodist Church. He will be assisted by Rev. M. J. Thompson of Fort Worth, Texas, and his singer Mr. Bledsoe.

Mr. Thompson is known throughout the South as the "Lawyer-Evangelist" and is an attractive and eloquent speaker.

Reverend Thompson's singer, Mr. Bledsoe, will arrive several days in advance to organize and train an orchestra and large choir for service during the meetings.

The churches of the city are cordially invited to co-operate in the meeting. Other announcements will be made from time to time.

Geo. H. McAnally, Pastor

### NO BASKET BALL MONDAY

The basket ball game scheduled for next Monday night between Albuquerque, and Tucumcari high schools has been indefinitely postponed and may never be played here owing to the fact that it takes too long for the Albuquerque team to come to this city, but the faculty intends to substitute Portales or some other first-class team in their place, so those holding season tickets will get their money's worth.

### FAME

What is less enduring than the fame of the "popular" man? The world moves so quickly these days, that it is only the truly great that can survive. A few years ago—even a few months ago—Lord Kitchener was the idol of the English people. Today he is almost a daily target for their wrath. The world rang with the fame of Grand Duke Nicholas of Russia. Today his name is not on the lips of any nation. Recently John Paul Jones and Alexander Hamilton were denied a place in the Hall of Fame, although a niche was found for Charlotte Cushman, the actress. Who are our own heroes of today and where will they be ten years hence?

### SAYS TUCUM LOOKS GOOD

S. Perlstein is here from El Paso looking after his property interests and visiting old friends. He finds Tucumcari in much better condition from a business standpoint than he expected.

## THIRTEEN GOVERNMENTS ENGAGED IN WAR

Allies Number Nine Nations; Teutons Number Four

There are thirteen separate Governments engaged in the great war, but not all of these have made declarations of war. One of them, Turkey, has made no declaration at all but just began fighting by bombarding Odessa from the sea. Another, San Marino, declared war against Austria for the purpose of preventing her territory being used as a base for Austrian aeroplanes, but is taking non active part in the war. A fourteenth Government, Portugal, has made no declaration and is not engaged in the war, but is bound by treaty with England to furnish 10,000 men if called upon.

Germany is allied with Austria, Turkey and Bulgaria. Great Britain is allied with France, Russia, Italy, Japan, Belgium, Serbia, Montenegro and San Marino. Of the eleven active participants who have made declarations, Germany has declared war on France, Russia and Belgium. Austria has declared war on Serbia, Russia, Belgium and Japan. Bulgaria has declared war on Serbia. The following declarations have been made by the allies: England on Germany, Austria, Turkey and Bulgaria; France on Austria, Turkey and Bulgaria; Russia on Turkey; Italy on Austria, Turkey and Bulgaria; Japan on Germany; Belgium on Turkey; Serbia on Germany and Turkey, and Montenegro on Austria and Germany.

No declaration of war has passed between Italy and Germany, Montenegro and Bulgaria, Japan and Austria, Japan and Bulgaria or Belgium and Bulgaria.

### SHOOTING NEAR MELROSE

Last Tuesday afternoon L. C. Harris shot R. S. Bryant in the back of the head with a single barreled shot gun. Bryant was so close that the load missed his head and glanced around the head making only a flesh wound. The trouble was a family affair.—Melrose Dairyman Farmer.

Meagre report brings information to the Journal office of a shooting Tuesday near Twin Mills, ten miles or so north of Melrose, N. M., in which a man by the name of Bryant was shot by his brother-in-law named Harris. Harris used a shot-gun; the load striking Bryant in the back of the head, and it is believed the wound will prove fatal. Sheriff Moyer left for the scene of the shooting Thursday morning at which time the sheriff's office was informed of the affair. Harris is still at large according to the report.—Clovis Journal.

### PROFESSOR DOMESTIC SCIENCE

Albuquerque, N. M., Dec. 29.—Miss Frances Lathrop, recently of the faculty of the Colorado Agricultural College at Fort Collins, has been elected professor of Domestic Science and Dean of Women of the New Mexico State University, succeeding Miss Margaret Gleason, whose resignation takes effect on January 1st. Miss Gleason will retire from active educational work, and her resignation was received with regret by the University regents at their recent meeting. She installed the Domestic Science department at the University and has brought it to a high state of efficiency. The University was fortunate in securing at short notice a woman of long and successful experience in Domestic Science training, to fill the vacancy.

### J. E. CURREN DEAD

The pioneer newspaper man, and founder of several New Mexico papers, J. E. Curren of this city, died here last Sunday morning of pneumonia. Mr. Curren had been in failing health for some months and was unable to combat the ravages of pneumonia. Interment took place Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the Clovis Cemetery. Rev. Messer officiating.—Clovis Journal.

Mr. Curren was well known here on account of the newspapers he established and operated in Tucumcari. He had many friends who were sorry to learn of his death.

### ANOTHER WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Stern has announced to their friends the engagement of their daughter, Miss Regine, to Mr. Aaron Bernsbacher, a prominent resident of Fort Worth, Texas. The date for the wedding has not been divulged. Miss Stern is one of the pretty and popular members of the younger society set. She has been visiting at various cities in Texas and at Tucumcari for the past three months.—Las Vegas Optic.

### FIRE ON NORTH SIDE

The fire alarm Monday morning was caused by fire breaking out in the residence of Sotero Romero, near the old Dawson depot, on the north side of the tracks. It was put out before much damage was done. It was caused by an overheated stove which caught the window-casing on fire, which spread rapidly to the ceiling and was getting under good headway when discovered and extinguished. The damaged was assessed at \$25 by the Carter Insurance Agency.

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH RECEIVES NICE GIFT

A pleasant incident of the Christmas season was a gift to the Presbyterian church of an extension to the Sunday school room, from Mr. Arthur Curtis James, of New York. Mr. James is a very well known churchman, and is an officer in the Madison Avenue Presbyterian church in New York City.

This extension will be a thoroughly modern building, with seven individual class rooms, a library, a nice kitchen, and ample space for all the social needs of the congregation, and will add greatly to the value of the church property that is already a credit to the town.

This fine gift is appreciated by the membership of the church as well as every citizen who believes in Christianity.

## THE LAW AND THE NEWSPAPER

The law governing newspaper subscriptions, according to decisions of the U. S. Court, is as follows:

"Subscribers who do not give express notice to the contrary are considered as wishing to renew their subscriptions." This in accordance with our custom of sending the paper until it is ordered discontinued.

If the subscriber orders a discontinuance of their publication the publisher may continue to send them until all dues are paid.

If the subscriber refuses to take periodicals from the post office to which they are directed he is responsible until he has settled his bill and ordered his paper discontinued.

If the subscriber move away to other places without informing the publisher and the papers are sent to the former address, the subscriber is held responsible.

If subscribers pay in advance, they are bound to give notice at the end of the time if they do not wish to continue taking it, otherwise the subscriber is responsible until express notice with payment of all arrears is sent to the publisher.

### BIG PRAIRIE FIRE

J. W. Kelsey, of near Jordan, was in the city this afternoon and reported the following.

A big prairie fire visited the community about two weeks ago, burning off about 200 acres. It started on or near the John Hardin place and thirteen men fought the fire for two or more hours, keeping it away from the feed and buildings.

Wheat is looking fine irregardless of the dry weather.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Law entertained at Christmas dinner Saturday. The following guests were present: Eddie Downs and family, Mrs. Knapp and family, S. A. Wells and family, Will Surat, E. R. Cook and J. W. Kelsey. All had a jolly time and enjoyed lots of good things to eat.

Miss Lena Wattenbarger, a student in the Tucumcari schools, is at home visiting during the holidays.

### ALTITUDE AFFECTS ATHLETES

Albuquerque, N. M., Dec. 29.—The crack foot ball team from Brown University, twenty one players and the coaches, visited the New Mexico state university Saturday afternoon, in course of their trip to Pasadena, Calif. where they will play Washington state college on New Year's Day. Incidentally the fast easterners learned something about athletics at 5000 feet above sea level. They trotted out on university field for an hour of fast practice, but quit after the first three minutes, a thoroughly winded bunch. The coaches called off the fast work for the day declaring the strain on the highly trained men too great.

An auto load of hunters went out to the cap rock east of Norton and came home with plenty of good news. They claimed to have found a place where other hunters had evidently missed and each one had his full allowance of quail. The pace was set by Messrs. Duncan and Gregory and became so hot that Elton Dunn who was bringing up the rear, set fire to the prairie and sounded the alarm. The members of the company responded promptly and after fighting fire for some two hours it was finally put out and much damage to pasture was saved. The boys say if Elton had not been chief of the Tucumcari fire department and understood just how to conquer the demon many acres might have been destroyed. We understand the chief does not care to be called upon to fight fire in the country.

### WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT

George H. Smith, Jr., of Santa Rosa, and his daughter, Miss Olive, left Thursday night for Philadelphia Pa., to attend the wedding of Herbert G. Smith with Miss Florence Davis. Herbert Smith is well known in Tucumcari.

The young couple will reside in Tucumcari, Mr. Smith being in charge of the U. S. Experiment station there.—Cuervo Clipper.